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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINT, SP
SUBJECT: POLITICAL VIOLENCE

1. A SERIES OF BOMBS JUNE 4 DESTROYED SEVERAL HIGH-POWER
ELECTRICAL TOWERS IN MADRID, INTERRUPTING ELECTRICAL SERVICE
TEMPORARILY TO 700,000 PEOPLE. THERE WERE NOT INJURIES.
THE ETA MILITARY ARM SUBSEQUENTLY CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY
FOR THE BLASTS. THE FOLLOWING DAY FIVE BOMBS IN THE BASQUE
COUNTRY DESTROYED A POLICEMAN'S CAR, THREE TELEVISION TRANS-
MISSION TOWERS, AND HEAVILY DAMAGED A POLICE STATION. THERE
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WERE APPARENTLY NO INJURIES. THE SAME DAY, ETA TOOK RESPONSIBILITY
FOR AN EARLIER (6-3) EXPLOSION AT A NUCLEAR PLANT CAFETERIA IN VIZCAYA.

2. IN BARCELONA JUNE 5, GUNMEN ASSASSINATED TWO CIVIL GUARDS-
MEN AND MADE GOOD THEIR ESCAPE. IN A LETTER TO THE PRESS,
GRAPO (EXTREME-LEFT TERRORISTS) CLAIMED CREDIT FOR THE

ATTACK.

3. A DEADLINE SET BY THE YBARRA KIDNAPPERS PASSED THE NIGHT OF JUNE 4, WITHOUT ANY INDICATION THAT THE RANSOM (REPORTEDLY \$14 MILLION) HAD BEEN PAID. A WELL-KNOWN ETA LEADER, "APALA," WAS DETAINED WITH TWO COMPANIONS IN FRANCE JUNE 2, REPORTEDLY CARRYING DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE YBARRA CASE. THE ARREST SPURRED HOPE THAT HIS CAPTURE COULD BE USED TO HELP FREE SR. YBARRA.

4. A JOINT EDITORIAL APPEARED IN NINE BASQUE-COUNTRY DAILIES ON JUNE 5, CALLING FOR THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF SR. YBARRA AND THE ABANDONMENT OF "THE ROAD OF VIOLENCE."

5. COMMENT: THIS SUDDEN UPSURGE OF VIOLENCE PROBABLY SPRINGS FROM AT LEAST TWO TERRORIST SOURCES; ALTHOUGH A DESIRE TO DISRUPT THE ELECTORAL PROCESS IS VERY LIKELY AND HAS BEEN ASSUMED BY THE PRESS, THE ETA BOMBERS MAY ALSO BE INSPIRED BY AN INTERNAL NEED TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR DETERMINATION IN THE FACE OF THE CONTINUED DETENTION OF SOME BASQUE PRISONERS. IN ANY EVENT, CONDEMNATIONS OF VIOLENCE AND CALLS FOR CALM HAVE BEEN HEARD FROM ALL QUARTERS. STABLER

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